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## REFERENCE DESIGNATION

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	A1	4,493,114	01/08/1985	Geller et al.	455/617	05/02/1983
	A2	5,301,051	04/05/1994	Geller	359/124	03/08/1988
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